UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS BEAUMONT DIVISION

UNITED STATES and STATE OF TEXAS *ex rel*. DANIEL W. ELLIOTT, M.D. and LISA A. MINSLOFF, M.D.,

No. 1:23-CV-00329

Plaintiffs,

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

SOUTHEAST TEXAS MEDICAL ASSOCIATES, LLP et al.,

v.

Defendants.

RELATORS' NOTICE OF DISMISSAL WITHOUT PREJUDICE AS TO DEFENDANT STEWARD HEALTH CARE SYSTEM LLC

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(a)(1)(A)(i), Relators hereby give notice that they are dismissing their claims against Defendant Steward Health Care System LLC ("Steward") without prejudice.

Steward filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code on May 6, 2024 and a notice of bankruptcy in this Court on May 9, 2024. To avoid a prolonged stay of their claims against the other defendants in this case, Relators have elected to voluntarily dismiss their claims against Steward without prejudice, reserving the right to pursue any claims in the Bankruptcy Court.

The United States and the State of Texas have both confirmed their consent to this voluntary dismissal without prejudice. Additionally, although not required since Steward has not filed an answer, Relators obtained Steward's consent to this voluntary dismissal without prejudice.

This dismissal applies solely to Relators' claims against Steward. Relators intend to pursue their claims against the remaining defendants.¹

Dated: July 18, 2024 Respectfully submitted,

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¹ As the Court is aware, Relators have reached a settlement with all defendants other than Steward, Baptist Hospitals of Southeast Texas, and James Holly, M.D. That settlement is being reviewed by the United States and the State of Texas, and Relators will provide notice to the Court when the settlement has been approved.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this document was filed on July 18, 2024 through the ECF system, and will thereby be sent electronically to the registered participants as identified on the Notice of Electronic Filing.

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